

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 2 and 5-18 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 14-17 are withdrawn from consideration and claim 13 stands rejected by the Examiner. Claim 18 is objected to and claims 1,2 and 5-12 have been allowed.

Rejections

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) by the Examiner as being unpatentable over Garey in view of Carlotta, et al. Claim 13 has been cancelled rendering the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1,2,5-12 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 18. Claim 18 has been amended to include the elements of cancelled base claim 13 from which it depended. Claim 18 along with the remaining pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons and in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully contends that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of claim 18 along with the prior allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-12, and issuance of a Patent for the subject invention. If the Examiner cares to discuss anything presented here to further prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney for the

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